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Utah Coal Program
Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining
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Attention:

Re:

Ms. Pam Grubaugh-Littig

Temporary Cessation of Coal Mining, PacifiCorp, Cottonwood/Wilberg

Mine, C/015/019, Emery County, Utah.

PacifiCorp, by and through its wholly-owned subsidiary, Energy West Mining Company ("Energy West") as mine operator, hereby notifies the Division of temporary cessation of coal mining operations at the Cottonwood/Wilberg Mine effective May 29, 2001. Coal mining at the Trail Mountain Mine/coal transfer to Cottonwood Tipple ceased as of March 15, 2001. In preparation of temporary cessation, all associated mining equipment including; belt haulage (drives and headrollers), dewatering (pumps and control boxes) and electrical (transformers/rectifiers) were removed from the mine. Verification of equipment removal was conducted on May 4, 2001 Division of Oil, Gas and Mining (Pete Hess) participating in the review. Bureau of Land Management was notified but was unable to attend. A plan to construct permanent seals was submitted to and approved by Mine Safety Health Administration. Sealing of the mine portals is scheduled to be completed on May 28, 2001.

As stated in the regulations:

515.320. Before temporary cessation of coal mining and reclamation operations for a period of 30 days or more, or as soon as it is known that a temporary cessation will extend beyond 30 days, each person who conducts coal mining and reclamation operations will submit to the Division a notice of intention to cease or abandon operations. This notice will include:

515.321. For the purposes of UNDERGROUND COAL MINING AND RECLAMATION ACTIVITIES, a statement of the exact number of surface acres and the horizontal and vertical extent of subsurface strata which have been in the permit area prior to cessation or abandonment, the extent and kind of reclamation of surface area which will have been accomplished, and identification of the backfilling, regrading, revegetation, environmental monitoring, underground opening closures and water treatment activities that will continue during the temporary cessation.

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Cottonwood/Wilberg Mine: Temporary Cessation

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Cottonwood/Wilberg Mine:

★ Exact number of surface acres (disturbed): 101.74 acres Conditionally Approved 61.76 acres

★ Horizontal and Vertical Extent of Subsurface
 Which Have Been in the Permit Area: 10,600 acres
 Pending 6,782.77 acres

- ★ Reclamation of the surface facilities is not currently planned.
- **★** Environmental Monitoring including; subsidence, hydrologic, vegetative and compliance will continue as stated in the approved MRP, unless approved by the Division.
- ★ Mine Closures: All portal openings were sealed as specified in 30CFRPart 75.335 or as specified in the approved ventilation plan.
- **★** Water Treatment Activities: All hydrologic conveyance structures will be maintained and monitored as specified in the MRP.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this amendment, please feel free to contact Carl Pollastro at (435) 687-4701.

Sincerely,

Charles A. Semborski

Permitting/Geology Supervisor

cc: Pete Hess, DOGM Price Office

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